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S/N 10/688,618

PATENT

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, Applicant wishes to offer the following remarks for Examiner's consideration for the purpose of clarifying the Rice Bran Ceramic dispersion composition claimed as distinguished from the Rice Bran (non-ceramic) prior art cited by Examiner. No new issues are raised hereby with the present remarks, and the remarks are only intended to direct Examiner's attention to the differences of the prior art Japanese patents from the claimed invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by JP 11-207,757. Claims 2-3 are rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over JP '757. Applicant traverses the rejections to the extent that they can be maintained. Specifically, Applicant traverses that portion